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BREAD GRAINS

Chinese crop conditions

The condition of the 1937 wheat crop of China improved during recent months, according to a radiogram from the Shanghai office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Rains, together with rather mild temperatures, were beneficial to the crop of the Yangtze Valley, and snow helped prospects in North China. Sowings were continued throughout December in the lower Yangtze Valley, where the total wheat acreage is reported as about average. In the upper Yangtze Valley and in North China, however, sowings were curtailed by drought conditions, and the outturn from these reduced areas is not expected to equal that of 1936 even if growing conditions should be ideal during the remainder of the season.

The Shanghai wheat market

Prices of wheat and flour at Shanghai, with the exception of spot and January futures, were firm during the week ended January 29, in spite of continued declines in world markets. Little interest was shown in foreign purchases, but one partial cargo of Australian wheat was booked for immediate shipment. This was obtained at a price below nominal quotations, because shipment was arranged for at materially reduced freight rates. Arrivals of domestic wheat continued small, but the Shanghai mills were still operating at 50-percent capacity. Flour demand had improved, particularly from North China, and flour stocks declined during the week.

The best quality of spot domestic wheat declined from 100.48 cents per bushel quoted during the previous week to 97.17 cents in the week ended January 29, and Australian from 124.28 to 118.99 cents per bushel. Futures on January 23 ranged from 97.84 cents for January delivery to 103.52 cents per bushel for April delivery. New-crop wheat for June delivery was quoted at 83.82 cents per bushel. Spot flour was practically unchanged from the preceding week at 114.58 cents per bag of 49 pounds. The February futures price on January 29 was 114.29 cents and the April quotation 116.64 cents per bag. Australian flour, c.i.f. Hong Kong, declined from \$4.97 per barrel of 196 pounds, quoted for the week ended January 22, to \$4.70 per barrel for the week ended January 29. Wheat imports into China during December were negligible. Flour imports for the month totaled 19,500 barrels as against 29,000 barrels in December 1935. Australia and Canada supplied over 75 percent of the December shipments both in 1936 and 1935.

SUGAR

The 1937 Sugar Crop in Cuba

On December 30, 1936, the Cuban Sugar Stabilization Institute announced its recommendations to the President of Cuba pertaining to the amount of sugar to be produced in the country during the 1937 sugar campaign, as reported by H. Freeman Matthews, First Secretary of the United States Embassy at Habana. The Institute recommended that a total crop of 3,338,217 short tons be produced in 1937. The proposed figure compares with 2,899,002 tons produced in 1936 and an average of 5,221,000 tons for the years 1925-1929. The basis for the 1937 recommendation rests on the probable exports and local consumption requirements during the year. These requirements are estimated as follows:

<u>Production for</u>	<u>Short tons</u>	<u>Percentage of total</u>
(a) Export to United States (to fill initial quota for 1937).....	1,552,000	46.5
(b) Export to United States (retained for possible increases in quota).....	568,000	17.0
(c) Export to other countries.....	1,048,217	31.4
(d) Local consumption	170,000	5.1
Total	3,338,217	100.0

At the close of 1936, stocks of sugar retained from production in previous years for export to the United States were estimated to be 370,891 short tons. To these stocks is added a sufficient amount of production in 1937 to make up the total initial quota for export to the United States of 1,922,423 tons. In 1936 this quota totaled 2,085,022 tons. Similarly, stocks of sugar retained from previous years' crops for export to other foreign countries totaled 8,435 tons at the end of 1936, which together with the estimated production of these sugars in 1937 makes a total of 1,056,836 tons.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND NUTS

Fruit included under marketing act of British Columbia

The Provincial Marketing Act, which was amended by the Legislature of British Columbia, Canada, at its last session to govern the operations of the fruit industry of the Okanagan Valley, was approved by the Government of British Columbia on January 19, 1937, according to Vice Consul Nelson P. Meeks at Vancouver, British Columbia. Under this legislation the Tree Fruit Board will have power to control fruit during transportation and warehousing, as well as the power to compel central control of all selling. All shippers are to be agents of the central agency and thus must sell as the Board decides.

Failure to observe the orders of the Board in this new plan for central control of selling will make growers and shippers liable to the penalties of the Marketing Act. Under this act offenses may be punished by fines ranging from \$25 to \$500, or by jail sentences up to 3 months.

LIVESTOCK, MEATS, AND WOOL

German livestock numbers increase

All classes of livestock in Germany increased noticeably during 1936, according to the census figures of December 3, 1936, as cabled by the Berlin office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Total cattle numbers at 20,065,000 represent a gain of more than 1,000,000 head, or 9 percent, since December 1935. The largest increases are shown in the groups of animals less than 2 years old. There is also an increase of some 176,000 cows indicated. Hog numbers in Germany stand at the record post-war figure for December of 25,752,000 head, more than 3,000,000 higher than in December 1935. The increase registered over comparable figures for that year is common to all classes and age groups with the exception of sows in farrow. The total number of this class is approximately the same as it was in December 1935, with 24 percent of the total falling in the 6-months-to-1-year group as against 26 percent the preceding year.

For the information formerly carried in "World Hog and Pork Prospects" on the indices of hog and pork supplies, demand, and prices in Germany and other foreign markets, see tables on pages 73 and 74. These tables will henceforth be carried monthly in "Foreign Crops and Markets."

GERMANY: Livestock numbers, December 1932-1936

Year	Cattle		Hogs			Horses	Sheep	Goats
	Cows	Total	Sows	Under 6 months	Total			
	Thou-sands	Thou-sands	Thou-sands	Thou-sands	Thou-sands	Thou-sands	Thou-sands	Thou-sands
1932 a/..	10,825	19,139	1,869	14,718	22,859	3,395	3,405	2,503
1933 a/..	11,202	19,739	2,015	15,479	23,890	3,397	3,387	2,588
1934 a/..	11,091	19,198	1,781	14,564	23,170	3,360	3,483	2,494
1935 b/..	10,052	18,918	1,951	14,274	22,722	3,388	3,923	2,501
1936 c/..	10,228	20,065	2,029	16,073	25,752	3,407	4,331	2,630

Deutscher Reichsanzeiger and cables from Berlin office, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

a/ Excluding the Saar. b/ Including Saar except for hogs. c/ Preliminary; including Saar except for hogs.

United States cattle imports

Total imports of dutiable cattle into the United States in 1936, at 399,209 head, were 34,586 head larger than the 1935 imports. All of the increase was accounted for by larger imports of cattle weighing 700 pounds or more from Canada. About 94 percent of the imports of cattle weighing 700 pounds or more in 1936 were accounted for by the low-duty quota on that class of cattle granted to Canada in the trade agreement with that country. Preliminary figures indicate that that quota was filled by December 1 and that Canada supplied about 86.4 percent of the quota and Mexico nearly 13.6 percent.

CATTLE: Imports into the United States by countries and weight classes, 1935 and 1936

Year	700 pounds or over			Under 700 pounds			Total dutiable
	Dairy cows	Other	Total	Under 175 pounds	175-699 pounds	Total	
1935	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Canada.	a/	a/	59,930	a/	a/	52,790	112,720
Mexico.	a/	a/	8,622	a/	a/	242,468	251,090
Total..	a/	a/	68,573	a/	a/	296,050	364,623
1936							
Canada.	6,686	136,533	143,219	55,695	35,149	90,844	234,063
Mexico.	0	21,992	21,992	1,615	140,439	142,054	164,046
Total..	6,689	158,547	165,536	57,206	176,467	233,673	399,209

a/ Not classified prior to January 1, 1936.

HOGS AND PORK PRODUCTS: Average price per 100 pounds in specified markets, December 1936 with comparisons

	1909-1913 average	1925-1929 average	Dec. 1935	Nov. 1936	Dec. 1936
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Hogs, Chicago, basis packers' and shippers' quotations.....	7.50	9.76	9.57	9.48	9.96
Corn, Chicago, No. 3 Yellow.....	.98	1.46	1.05	1.87	1.91
Hogs, heavy, Berlin, live weight.....	11.63	15.73	17.70	17.70	17.70
Barley, Leipzig.....	1.70	2.27	3.18	a/	3.19
Lard - Chicago.....	10.71	14.00	13.62	12.66	13.65
Liverpool.....	12.10	13.89	15.06	13.79	15.26
Hamburg.....	11.92	14.54	14.39	13.43	14.66
Cured pork, Liverpool - American short cut green hams.....	14.30	25.16	20.28	20.50	20.50
American green bellies..		21.27	Nominal	17.98	18.18
Danish Wiltshire sides..	14.10	23.07	18.09	19.82	19.99
Canadian green sides....	13.34	20.97	15.34	17.69	17.77

a/ Not available.

HOGS AND PORK PRODUCTS: Indices of foreign supplies and demand
October-December, 1933-34 to 1936-37

		October - December					
Country and item	Unit	1909-10	1924-25	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37
		to 1913-14 average	to 1928-29 average				
UNITED KINGDOM:							
Supplies, domestic	1,000						
fresh pork, London	pounds	---	19,897	23,399	24,145	28,300	25,095
Imports -							
Bacon -							
Denmark	"	59,816	123,760	129,292	111,771	100,113	88,424
Irish Free State.	"	---	17,921	8,833	13,468	15,252	16,270
United States.....	"	44,343	23,451	1,910	1,225	600	520
Canada	"	8,930	21,557	19,834	23,739	22,489	39,559
Others	"	11,247	38,198	71,132	50,029	45,238	43,777
Total	"	124,336	224,887	231,001	200,232	183,691	188,550
Ham, total	"	20,474	28,045	21,079	17,257	17,266	17,394
Lard, total	"	57,050	57,495	74,563	66,879	34,957	41,301
CANADA:							
Slaughter -	1000's						
Hogs, inspected ..	"	450	738	765	782	788	1,214
GERMANY:							
Production -							
Hog receipts							
14 cities	"	---	812	770	870	396	901
Hog slaughter							
36 centers	"	1,111	1,010	1,057	1,174	549	1,206
Imports -	1000						
Bacon, total	pounds	868	5,932	8,500	10,343	6,581	a/
Lard, total	"	54,037	51,197	39,707	16,635	27,733	a/
UNITED STATES:							
Slaughter -							
Hogs, inspected...	1000's	8,806	12,538	12,089	11,765	7,432	12,465
Exports -							
Bacon -	1000						
United Kingdom...	pounds	32,530	14,570	714	643	380	282
Germany.....	"	729	2,698	1,415	0	0	0
Cuba.....	"	1,833	5,505	941	1,294	219	205
Total.....	"	45,196	33,236	7,144	2,578	718	834
Hams, shoulders,							
United Kingdom...	"	30,316	30,981	14,910	11,138	9,632	6,948
Total.....	"	35,684	37,975	17,654	14,349	11,373	8,274
Lard -							
United Kingdom...	"	39,297	51,563	75,683	46,667	13,599	15,887
Germany.....	"	34,485	43,221	33,625	1,828	860	1,036
Cuba.....	"	8,857	20,237	2,757	8,767	3,527	8,632
Netherlands.....	"	8,375	10,313	11,455	9	0	0
Total.....	"	112,662	174,048	152,153	62,779	18,516	20,401

a/ Not yet available.

WHEAT, INCLUDING FLOUR: Shipments from principal exporting countries
as given by current trade sources, 1934-35 to 1936-37

Country	Total shipments		Shipments 1937 week ended			Shipments July 1 - Jan. 30	
	1934-35	1935-36	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30	1935-36	1936-37
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
North America a/.....	162,832	219,688	2,720	3,162	2,402	111,776	159,106
Canada, 4 markets b/...	176,059	246,199	1,398	1,121	661	172,942	159,080
United States c/.....	21,532	15,930	61	48	118	4,393	5,487
Argentina.....	186,228	77,384	5,740	7,695	7,477	54,288	60,096
Australia.....	111,628	110,060	1,720	3,741	3,535	56,552	47,316
Russia.....	1,672	30,224	0	0	0	25,616	88
Danube and Bulgaria d/.	4,104	8,216	1,392	976	496	7,752	44,856
British India.....	c/2,318	c/2,529	0	528	16	256	7,608
Total e/.....	468,782	448,101				256,240	319,070
Total European ship- ments a/.....	387,752	355,032	10,560			f/189,856	f/231,696
Total ex-European ship- ments a/.....	147,938	133,528	1,720			f/70,928	f/73,320

Compiled from official and trade sources. a/ Broomhall's Corn Trade News.

b/ Fort William, Port Arthur, Vancouver, Prince Rupert, and New Westminster.

c/ Official. Accumulations are not complete data for United States, but represent totals for 16 principal ports only. d/ Black Sea shipments only. e/ Total of trade figures includes North America as reported by Broomhall. f/ To January 16.

INDIA: Wheat acreage and yield per acre, 1932-33 to 1937-38

Crop year	First estimate	Final estimate	Yield per acre
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bushels
1932-33.....	33,078	33,803	10.0
1933-34.....	31,831	32,976	10.7
1934-35.....	34,286	35,992	9.8
1935-36.....	33,168	34,491	10.5
1936-37.....	32,760	33,631	10.5
1937-38.....	32,167	-----	-----

Indian Department of Statistics, Calcutta.

WHEAT: Closing Saturday prices of May futures

Date	Chicago		Kansas City		Minneapolis		Winnipeg a/		Liverpool a/		Buenos Aires b/	
	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
High c/...	103	136	102	129	112	144	89	129	96	133	d/ 94	e/ 100
Low c/...	100	126	97	120	108	132	87	118	92	119	d/ 91	e/ 94
Jan. 9...	101	134	100	128	108	142	88	129	95	131	d/ 93	d/ 98
16...	101	133	100	126	110	140	89	125	96	128	d/ 92	d/ 98
23...	102	128	100	121	110	135	88	121	94	123	d/ 92	96
30...	100	128	99	121	109	134	87	120	94	122	d/ 92	94

a/ Conversions at noon buying rate of exchange. b/ Prices are of day previous to other prices. c/ January 1 to date. d/ March futures. e/ March and May futures.

WHEAT: Weekly weighted average cash price at stated markets

Week ended	All classes and grades six markets		No. 2 Hard Winter Kansas City		No. 1 Dk. N. Spring Minneapolis		No. 2 Hard Amber Durum Minneapolis		No. 2 Red Winter St. Louis		Western White Seattle a/	
	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
High b/...	108	150	118	143	135	176	122	180	111	143	90	115
Low b/...	106	136	111	135	127	158	115	164	106	137	88	112
Jan. 9...	108	150	115	141	130	167	122	180	111	143	90	114
16...	105	148	112	140	132	166	120	168	107	141	88	114
23...	106	141	111	136	133	158	115	164	108	138	88	112
30...	107	136	111	135	127	---	120	172	106	137	88	---

a/ Weekly average of daily cash quotations, basis No. 1 sacked. b/ January 1 to date.

WHEAT: Price per bushel at specified European markets, 1935-36 and 1936-37

Year beginning July	Range	Rotterdam				Berlin c/	Paris	England and Wales
		Hard Winter No. 2	Manitoba No. 3	Argentina a/	Australia b/			
		Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1935-36 d/	High	103	104	98	95	229	154	81
	Low	74	82	63	71	209	121	59
1936-37 d/	High	130	149	127	142	233	204	117
	Low	101	99	99	100	209	179	91
Dec. 24	e/	127	139	123	142	223	---	120
31	e/	130	149	127	142	223	---	125
Jan. 7							---	128
14							---	130

Prices at Paris are of day previous to other prices. Prices in England and Wales are for week ending Saturday. Conversions made at current exchange rates.

a/ Barusso. b/ F.A.Q. c/ Producer's fixed price from August 16, 1934. d/ July 1 to date. e/ Nominal.

FEED GRAINS AND RYE: Weekly average price per bushel of corn, rye, oats, and barley at leading markets a/

Week ended	Corn				Rye				Oats		Barley	
	Chicago		Buenos Aires		Minneapolis		Chicago		Minneapolis			
	No. 3 Yellow	Futures	Futures	Futures	No. 2	No. 2	No. 3 White	No. 3	No. 2	No. 2	No. 2	No. 2
	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
High <u>b/</u>	61	113	61	111	39	51	55	117	31	55	71	136
Low <u>b/</u>	60	108	60	105	37	49	53	110	30	52	60	129
			<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>						
Jan. 2...	61	108	61	105	39	50	53	117	31	53	64	130
9...	--	112	61	110	38	49	53	116	31	55	60	129
16...	--	112	60	111	38	50	53	113	30	55	71	128
23...	--	113	60	110	37	51	54	110	30	53	67	136
30...	60	113	60	108	38	51	55	111	30	52	68	131

a/ Cash prices are weighted averages of reported sales; future prices are simple averages of daily quotations. b/ For period January 1 to latest date shown.

FEED GRAINS: Movement from principal exporting countries.

Commodity and country	Exports for year		Shipments Week ended <u>a/</u>			Exports as far as reported		
	1934-35	1935-36	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30	July 1 to	1935-36 <u>b/</u>	1936-37 <u>b/</u>
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
BARLEY, EXPORTS: <u>c/</u>	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
United States...	4,050	9,886	0	0	0	Jan. 30	7,231	3,938
Canada.....	14,453	6,882				Dec. 31	4,334	16,388
Argentina.....	20,739	9,468	325			Jan. 16	1,850	4,450
Danube & U.S.S.R.	11,250	37,375	305	281	74	Jan. 30	37,378	21,676
Total.....	50,492	63,611					50,793	46,452
OATS, EXPORTS: <u>c/</u>								
United States...	1,147	1,429	0	0	0	Jan. 30	604	378
Canada.....	17,407	14,892				Dec. 31	9,877	6,679
Argentina.....	43,753	9,790	296	1,130	675	Jan. 30	6,548	9,736
Danube & U.S.S.R.	8,444	2,847	0	10	0	Jan. 30	1,390	810
Total.....	70,751	28,958					18,419	17,603
CORN, EXPORTS: <u>d/</u>						Nov. 1 to		
United States...	880	885	2	2	0	Jan. 30	55	28
Danube & U.S.S.R.	14,939	14,984	638	408	340	Jan. 30	2,725	6,947
Argentina.....	256,143	307,362	8,918	9,158	10,492	Jan. 30	79,647	112,720
South Africa....	21,882	8,910	26	43		Jan. 23	4,871	2,354
Total.....	293,844	332,141					87,298	122,049
United States imports.....	41,141	24,521				Dec. 31	2,092	4,430

Compiled from official and trade sources. a/ The weeks shown in these columns are nearest to the date shown. b/ Preliminary. c/ Year beginning July 1. d/ Year beginning November 1.

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